



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** America's greatest strength resides in its families, and America has at least five million families formed by or touched by adoption; and

**WHEREAS,** these families include children who were adopted as infants, adopted at older ages, adopted across lines of culture and race, member of sibling groups, and adopted notwithstanding the fact that they were physically or mentally challenged; and

**WHEREAS,** through adoption, all these children came to know the benefits of the permanence that is central to a sound home life provided by a loving family; and

**WHEREAS,** society has benefited from the loving care and attention provided to children in adoptive families in that these children develop into some of our most productive and responsible citizens; and

**WHEREAS,** we should especially recognize the parents and fine adoption agencies which have brought so many children into new and loving homes.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, do hereby proclaim November 2004 as,

### National Adoption Awareness Month

and encourage all citizens to take note of the fine programs that are dedicated to meeting the needs and interest of children through adoption.



Attest By  
The Governor

*[Signature]*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 1st day of November  
A.D., 2004.*

*[Signature]*  
Governor of Louisiana